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1. TENG Pao-shan (newly appointed Communist Governor of Kansu) has suggested* recruiting one million men from the Northwest to send to the USSR for training in preparation for the future world conflict and in order to have men accustomed to winter warfare. Conscription is already underway in west Kansu and east Tsinghai and is meeting resistance, particularly among the Moslems who are using every ruse to avoid military service under the Communists.
2. Communist efforts to collect hidden arms of Nationalist General Ma Pu-fang's troops are also meeting resistance. In Ningting (103-19, 35-30) hsien several hundred men, who had hidden arms, used them to resist further confiscation and temporarily overthrew Communist power in that area and then took to the hills, where guerrilla operations are progressing.
3. More than 20,000 veterans with three years of training under Ma have not yet returned to their homes because they would be forced to register with the Communist authorities and then would be liable to service in the Communist army. Most have weapons but find it increasingly difficult to maintain themselves as semi-bandits.
4. Units of Ma Pu-fang's troops are still operating in south Tsinghai and probably north Sikang. The east units (sic) have received 4,500 head of cattle as payment for their services.
5. Nearly one hundred leaders from Tsinghai and Kansu have assembled in Sung-fan hsien, south Kansu, with the intention of carrying on resistance to the Communists.
6. Ma Cheng-hsiang, ex-commander of the 5 Cavalry Division near Tihua who escaped to Pakistan, has left Pakistan to join his uncle, Ma Pu-fang, in Arabia. Ma Chi-yuan, who is in Hong Kong, feels that the time is not yet ripe for him to return to Northwest China even if transportation were available.
7. Part of Communist General PENG Teh-huai's troops were flown from northwest Kansu into Sinkiang by Soviet transports*. Yushu (126-31, 44-49) is under

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a Communist political mission of ten men headed by LU Teh, an obscure official. No Communist troops are believed to be in this area.

* [REDACTED] Comment. Nationalist sources have reported rumors that the Communists are conscripting men to go to the USSR. It is doubtful that TENG has suggested such a move.

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